

# 8 Green Newsletter



## Oct. 16 - Shrewsbury High School Presentation

*Eighth graders will learn about course offerings at SHS as well as opportunities to get involved with the SHS community!*

## Oct. 21 - Assabet Valley Presentation

*Assabet Valley Technical High School will visit to share course offerings and student experiences.*

## Oct. 27 St. John's Math Competition

*If your child is interested in this competition, please have him/her contact Ms. Dufault or Mrs. Freedman.*

## Nov. 3 - Conference Day and Open House

*Come meet your child's teachers and see some of the fantastic work they have done! Be on the look out for a separate email with more details.*

## Nov. 6 - St. John's Application Due

**What TEAMWORK means to us...**

**We're all in this together...**



**We encourage each other to take**



**We support each other...**



**We work hard...and we have fun!**



## What's happening in the classroom!

### ELA - Ms. Heal

We are currently making our way through *Under the Persimmon Tree* and *The Breadwinner* (for our ELL students). While “traveling” to war-torn Afghanistan, students have been able to closely follow our main characters as conflict quickly shapes their lives. Just this past week, students participated in their first group quiz using their completed role sheets in their literature circle groups. Great discussion filled the room as students contemplated possible symbols and conflicts thus far. Finally, students completed their first literary analysis in the computer lab this week. They were asked to come prepared with textual evidence to support how our main character is changing and to analyze their findings.

### Science - Mr. Denolf

We have just completed our measurement portion of our first unit. We will continue to use measurements throughout the year. The students have practiced using the tools that we will use throughout the year in labs. They all seem comfortable using these tools. We will be continuing the Property of Matter unit. We will be focusing on density and performing several labs on that topic.

### Math - Ms. Dufault

Students are working with algebraic expressions and equations to solve a variety of real world problems. They have learned how distributive property, combining like terms and factoring are used to rewrite expressions providing new insight into a problem. Along the same lines, they have learned how solving equations is in fact a series of equivalent equations. While working with expressions and equations, students are improving communicating their mathematical thinking through clear and organized work and have exemplified this through their “Dear Confused Letters” and “POWs.”

Our first unit test will be in the last week of October.

### Social Studies- Mrs. Beaupre

When in Rome...so far the students have done a wonderful job of bringing Ancient Rome to life! We have focused on the essential question: How did geography and trade routes impact the growth of Rome. This question has framed our learning around Standard 1: Explains the Rise of the Roman Empire. Students have read passages, analyzed images and video clips, invented dialogues, and created skits to further their understanding of the rise of Ancient Rome.

## GET INVOLVED AT OAK!

**Jazz Band**

**Science Olympiad**

**S.T.A.R. Peer Mediators**

**Yearbook Committee**

**Dr. Who Club**

**Student Voice**

**After School Activities Program**

## 8 GREEN LEADERSHIP

### Team Facilitators

*Many students have stepped up to begin planning team building activities. We appreciate their excitement and commitment to making this year a memorable one.*

### Newsletter Editor/Contributors

*We are calling on our students to help edit, format and write future Newsletters. Their expertise with technology amazes us every day!*

